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PRESIDENT'S CORNER – PASTOR PETER PEER

I have to admit, this is my favorite time of year. The daffodils are blooming, the grass has that beautiful deep green hue of spring, and the birds are filling the air with their joyful songs. Most of all I love this time of year because of the commemoration of our Lord's death, burial, and resurrection. In case you didn't know, Palm Sunday is my favorite Sunday of the year. It is the day when the son of David, the lawful king of Israel, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, and the Lamb of God rode on a donkey into Jerusalem the place of his rightful throne. There he cast out the merchants and the money changers who defiled his temple. For the next several days until Passover he subjected Himself to the interrogations of the religious elite who sought to catch Him at His words. In every case He answered with such wisdom that His enemies marveled. Thereby He proved that He was the spotless Lamb of God worthy to bear the sins of the world. So, on the day that the Passover lambs were being slaughtered He gave "His life a ransom for many" Mark 10:45.

Those truths fill me with an unimaginable thrill and that's why I love this time of year. That thrill reminds me of my duty to my Savior that in every way must live for him. The apostle Paul put it this way, Philippians 1:20-21 ". . .my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Oswald Chambers commenting on this verse says: "It's as if Paul were saying, 'My determined purpose is to be my utmost for his highest – my best for his glory.' To reach that level of determination is a matter of the will, not of debate or of reasoning. It is absolute and irrevocable surrender of the will at that point."

That, my friends, is what conference is about this year, Aspire to Something Higher. Conference is only about two months away now. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

2025 NATIONAL CGCI CONFERENCE – JULY 2-7 at Marriott Northwest, Dublin, OH

$135.00 per night

You can make reservations online at:

Book your group rate for CGBCI National Conference July 2025

Last Day to Book: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Or you can call to make reservations at: 800-228-9290
(Be sure to mention the CGBCI National Conference Group Rate)

NOTE: Columbus Marriott Northwest is offering a double room combo (2 rooms attached) for $202 per night. So, if you would like this deal, when you make your reservation, tell them that you are with the CGBCI. Then, after you receive your confirmation number, e-mail Karen Diehl (Karen.Diehl@marriott.com) and tell her that you want the two-room combo. She'll take care of the rest. Ask her for a response confirmation.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Conference begins on Friday July 4 with registration from 1:00 to 3:00. Since the conference begins on July 4, we are going to celebrate at Scioto park where we will be able to see the Dublin fireworks. Ian McAllister and Jonathan Steiner will be in charge of the volleyball game and possibly corn hole as well. If you have corn hole equipment that you can bring, please do. We will have a food truck coming but you may bring your own food if you wish. There will also be an ice cream truck.

There will be a buffet dinner on Sunday from 5:00-6:00 at a cost of $20.00 followed by a musical concert by Niah & Allisha Merrill. A one page conference schedule is attached and Conference booklets with a detailed schedule are available. Contact Ike Graham for those at ikeg327@gmail.com.

REGISTERING FOR CONFERENCE/CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

If you are planning to attend Conference this year, even for a day, please register online (cgbci.org). We need to know how many children will be in the Kids' Conference in order to have the right amount of materials, snacks, etc. In addition, the hotel needs to know how many will be eating the Sunday evening buffet (children under 12 are 1/2 price; under 3 are no cost).

LADIES LUNCHEON – MRS LINDA PEER & MRS STEPHANIE KNIGHT

DON'T FORGET! Register for lunch on Saturday, July 5, at 12:30 pm. Cost is $20.00 (includes tip). We don't want you to miss the fellowship and testimony of Hannah McAllister.

Invitations have been mailed. Invite all ladies! Mail your reply and check (payable to Grace Brethren Church) by Friday, June 20 to Linda Peer, 721 Vancouver Drive, Westerville, OH 43081. Phone: 304-283-5136. Email: michjkl@gmail.com

YOUTH CONFERENCE – PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT & PASTOR JONATHAN EDWARDS

Time is rolling along. We are getting closer to YCON 2025 with each passing day. If you haven't registered yet, see your pastor for a registration, or visit https://www.cgbci.org/ycon. The deadline for registration is June 1. We are excited for what God has in store for us this year!

DATE: July 4-8, 2025
LOCATION: Columbus Northwest Marriott, 5605 Blazer Parkway, Dublin, OH 43107
CHECK-IN: Friday, July 4 from 1-3pm
PRICING: $100
Please make the checks out to: Conservative Grace Brethren Churches International
Please send your payment to: Pastor Chris Knight, PO Box 58, Listie, PA. 15549
Please contact Pastor Chris Knight at chrisk4christ@gmail.com if you have any questions.

CONFERENCE MUSIC - PASTOR PHILIP MOELLER

Calling all musicians! Pastor Peer would like to begin each Conference Bible hour with some prelude instrumental music. If you have any ability and would enjoy using your ability to encourage others, please contact Philip Moeller to let him know. philipmoeller@juno.com or 419-631-9720.

CONFERENCE MUSIC/SPECIAL MUSIC – PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT

If you would like to serve the Lord by way of special music at conference, please contact Pastor Chris Knight at chrisk4christ@gmail.com . There are several "open spots" on the schedule. Thank you!

NEW TROY GBC – PASTOR BOB MENSINGER

God is continuing to bless here at New Troy. Our attendances and offerings have been holding up well despite our small numbers. My wife Lila had a successful hysterectomy surgery last month. She is scheduled to meet with the chemo doctor next week. The oncologist, Dr. O said she got all the cancer but they will follow up with chemo as a precaution. The radiologist said she will not need any radiation treatments. Praise God!

Pastor Ron Welsh is beginning a study in Leviticus for our adult Sunday school class. He is doing substitute teaching right now to supplement his income but is seeking something more substantial. I am now in chapter eleven of Revelation and the series is going very well. Thanks for your continued prayers and support.

NATIONAL EVANGELISM TEAM – PASTOR DEL MILLER

Thanks for your interest in the ministry of NET. Last month we listed the team members and asked you to consider adopting one of the four that had not yet been requested. As of today, they have all been taken. Thanks so much for your kind generosity!

Another blessing is that we have had a significant answer to prayer. We now have a piano player for NET 25. She was with us last year and did a wonderful job. We are thrilled to have Cookie Birkbeck back on board again this year. She was with us in 2008 and 2024, so this will make her third trip with us. We will list all the team members again next month along with their adopting churches.

There are many details that need attention between now and when NET 25 officially begins on July 12. Thanks for praying that we will have strength and wisdom to get everything accomplished in the time that we have.

Pastor Del and Grace Miller pastordelmiller@gmail.com
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GRACE FOR LIVING – PASTOR ETHAN KALLBERG

Dear Brethren,

The second edition of "Grace for Living" (GFL) has been sent out. I am sorry that this quarter's edition is late. I had problems with printing that delayed the publication. I also apologize for any streaks on the pages that were caused by those same printing problems. I try make the books look as professional as possible but failed in that goal for this quarter. For the next edition I plan to rent a copy machine just for the devotionals which should prevent future delays and aesthetic problems.

As you may have noticed, the books are larger than the first edition. I had many requests for a larger print version. To meet that need it was necessary to print all the books in the larger format as it would take too much time to create two formats and then print them out to order.

As a result, the books cost me approximately $4.00 per book to print plus shipping. If you can help defray this cost through a donation, it will ensure that we can continue this important ministry. I plan to get that price down considerably with the new copy machine. You can send checks to the Lamoille Valley Grace Brethren Church at PO Box 1275, Morrisville, VT 05661.

We have had an increase in subscriptions by almost 100 books. I praise the Lord that our Grace Brethren saints desire to draw closer to the Lord Jesus through these devotional thoughts. I have heard many comments from readers about how they enjoy both the content and look of the books. A huge thank you to the writers who make it possible. I will continue to find ways to improve all aspects of producing GFL. Please pray that this ministry will bring glory to the Lord Jesus and a blessing to all who read.

For future editions, I am looking for photographs that I can use for the cover. If you or someone in your congregation like to take pictures, please send your submissions to pastorethan@outlook.com for consideration. I can't guarantee that I will use your photo, but I would love to include artistry from our own fellowship rather than the internet.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or would like to help, please email me at the address above. Thank you!

In Christ,
Pastor Ethan Kallberg, Editor of Grace for Living

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